CHAPTER 50.

AN ACT to appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars for the use of the Commissioners appointed by the Governor, under the authority conferred upon him by the Act of 1902, to represent the State of Maryland at the St. Louis Louisiana Purchase Exposition, to be held at St. Louis, Missouri, in the year 1904.

Maryland and St. Louis Exposition.

WHEREAS, It is of great importance to this State and the credit of its citizens that it should be properly represented at the St. Louis Louisiana Purchase Exposition, to be held in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, in 1904; and,

Appropriation inadequate from this State.

Whereas, The Commissioners appointed by the Governor to represent this State at said exposition have given a great deal of time and attention to the duties devolving upon them, and find that the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars appropriated by the Legislature in 1902 will be totally inadequate to enable them to secure a proper display of the varied interests and industries of this State, believing as they do that it is of great importance that the natural resources, industrial development, agricultural interests and general progress of the State of Maryland should be creditably displayed to the world at said exposition, and that the commercial and business interests of the State can be greatly benefited by a larger appropriation for the purpose of having the State properly represented at said exposition: and,

State's representation at same.

WHEREAS, Apart from the benefit that will inure to this State from a proper representation at said exposition, a pardonable State pride is another reason why this State, occupying as it does such a conspicuous position in the galaxy of Southern States, should be prominently in evidence at St. Louis so as to contribute her share toward making the proposed exposition a success; now, therefore,

Sum of money for creditable display.

SECTION I. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the sum of forty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said Commission, is hereby appropriated, and the Comptroller of the State is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant on the Treasurer of this State for the payment of said requisitions to the extent of this appropriation, as may from time to time be made upon him by the said Commissioners, the said requisitions to be signed by the chairman of the said Commission and countersigned by